

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A coupling device for restraining belts, particularly for children's safety seats for motor-vehicles, comprising

a body adapted to be connected to at least one belt branch, and

a pair of tongue elements each adapted to be connected to a respective belt branch,

wherein each tongue element includes an attachment portion for connection with the respective belt branch and a stem portion arranged to be received and locked in the body, said stem portion defining a catch tooth for locking the tongue element in the body wherein each tongue element includes a metal insert wholly covered by a plastic or rubber housing or coating.

2. (Previously Presented) A coupling device according to Claim 1, wherein the plastic or rubber coating or housing of each tongue element is overmolded over the metal insert.

3. (Previously Presented) The coupling device according to Claim 1, wherein the metal insert of each tongue element comprises a substantially flat portion having a first part extending into the attachment portion and a second part extending into the stem portion of the tongue element, and a limb is arranged substantially at a right angle with respect to the said first part for stiffening the catch tooth.

4. (Previously Presented) The coupling device according to Claim 1, wherein the body comprises a latching mechanism including locking means arranged to be moved in a